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SEP 7

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Fall Membership Meeting
Live Streamed @ LRBOI-NSN.GOV (Login Required)
OCT 10

LRBOI Government Center
Government Offices are now open by appointment only.

Ways to contact:
Government Center: 888.723.8288 | 231.723.8288
Clinic: 888.382.8299 | 231.723.8299 (Main)
Clinic Office: 231.398.6601

An auto attendant is available to transfer your call to the appropriate department. If you are unable to find the department or employee by using the auto attendant, select the operator option and leave a message. Voicemails are being forwarded to the appropriate departments and/or employee. More information on pg. 6.

Tribal Council Administration: comments@LRBOI-NSN.GOV
Public Information: currentscomments@LRBOI-NSN.GOV

Contact page on LRBOI-NSN.GOV has been updated with available employees by phone and email.
https://lrboi-nsn.gov/contact/
Aanii,

It is now the last part of July and we have, for the most part, come through this pandemic about as well as we could. No one knows which direction it will go from here, but we can keep our fingers crossed.

On August 3rd, we have brought most staff back to 40 hours but things will be different, at least for the foreseeable future. All departments will be open but will be by appointment only. We now have personal protection equipment available and will continue to practice safety measures throughout our government offices. We have continued to provide services to the members but on a limited basis.

For the Manistee area, the numbers of COVID positive cases remain low, which is a good thing for our government and our businesses.

One long-standing issue has been our main phone system. Measures have been put in place to rectify some of those problems. The “auto-attendant” feature has been reconfigured, so your calls should be directed to where you need to go. Please listen to the whole message.

With the budget cuts that have taken place since the onset of this pandemic, we have had to adjust our staffing structure and some employees have returned to full time and others will not be returning to work. I do want to say thank you to those employees who will not be returning, for their dedication and hard work over the years. Some of these employees are long-term and have given much to this tribe. Letting people go is a very difficult decision and not being able to thank them in person makes the separation even more difficult. Not a lot of notice could be given because of the constant changes with the pandemic and budget and trying to look at other options before making the decision. I know management and directors put a lot of thought into the changes. I do hope we can assist them with finding work elsewhere if interested or maybe back within our Government as new positions may come open. Again, Miigwetch to each of you.

Our Annual Christmas parties will not be held this year and our Annual Fall Membership Meeting will not be held in person, but trying to have it by live-stream.

Please stay safe and healthy and we will get through this unusual time. Until next time ...
ELECTION BOARD

Valerie McDonnell    Chair
Kathy Gibson        Secretary
Karen Love

COMMISSIONS & ELDER COMMITTEE

**PLEASE CHECK AHEAD TO SEE IF MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD**

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Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes
Larry Romanelli  Delegate
Shannon Crampton  Alternate
Sandra Lewis  Alternate
Ron Wittenberg  Alternate
Cindy Champagne  Alternate

Health Commission

Meetings: 4:30PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Pamela Johnson  Chair
Grace Hendler  Commissioner
Vacant  Commissioner
Vacant  Commissioner
Sandra Lewis  Liaison
Gary DiPiazza  Liaison

Binojeeuk Commission

Meetings: 1PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Family Services Department
Vacant  Chair
Vacant  Commissioner
Shawnna Gonzalez  Commissioner
Vacant  Commissioner
Beverly Cole  Commissioner
Diane Lonn  Liaison
Cindy Champagne  Liaison
Tom Guenthardt  Liaison

Vacant  Commissioner

Enrollment Commission

Meetings: 5PM 2nd or 3rd Tuesday
Check online schedule
Charmaine Stone  Chair
Vacant  Commissioner
Krystyne Medawis  Commissioner
Chuck Fisher  Commissioner
Vacant  Commissioner
Ron Wittenberg  Liaison
Sandra Lewis  Liaison
Diane Lonn  Liaison
Cindy Champagne  Liaison

Vacant  Commissioner

Housing Commission

Meetings: 10AM 1st and 3rd Thursday
Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
Vacant  Commissioner
Julia Chapman  Secretary
Marcella Leusby  Commissioner
Teresa Callis  Commissioner
Margaret Kowalkowski  Commissioner
Sandra Lewis  Liaison
Shannon Crampton  Liaison
Ron Wittenberg  Liaison
Tom Guenthardt  Liaison

Vacant  Commissioner

Gaming Commission

Meetings: 5:30PM Every Tuesday
Gaming Commission Office
Bill Willis  Chair
Alyce Giltz  Commissioner
Mark Jespersen  Commissioner
Deb Davis  Commissioner
Steve Parsons  Commissioner
Ron Pete  Liaison
Dave Corey  Liaison
Tom Guenthardt  Liaison

Vacant  Commissioner

Natural Resource Commission

Meetings: 5PM 2nd Monday of the Month
Natural Resource Office
Virgil Johnson  Chair
Martha Howell  Secretary
Connie Eno  Commissioner
Boo Battice  Commissioner
Richard Koon  Commissioner
Gary DiPiazza  Liaison
Tom Guenthardt  Liaison
Diane Lonn  Liaison

Vacant  Commissioner

Elders Committee

All 2020 Meetings have been cancelled
Mary Thomas  Chair
Detra Kelsey  Co-Chair
Sally Russo  Secretary
Chuck Fisher  Trustee
Marcella Leusby  Trustee
Diane Lonn  Liaison
Shannon Crampton  Liaison
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### TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS | APRIL

Tribal Council April Work Session not available due to system failure related issues.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Government Center Coronavirus (Covid-19) Closure
Tribal Council Minutes submissions to Currents have been delayed.
Complete Meeting Minutes can be found online at:
lrbo-nsn.gov/government/legislative-branch-tribal-council/open-session-minutes/

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2020

Regular Tribal Council Meetings have been established for every Wednesday at 10:00A, unless otherwise stated below.
Departmental Reports and Minutes of various entities of the Tribe will be accepted during the third meeting of each month.
All regular meetings shall be held at the Government Center Lodge unless otherwise specified.

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There has been multiple sightings of a black bear near the Government Center and the Pow Wow Grounds.
I would recommend employees take a look at their surroundings when exiting and returning to their vehicles. I do not believe the bear to be a nuisance but do want to take the proper precautions.

Some tips from the Humane Society website:
Bears have acute eyesight and hearing. Their sense of smell is seven times greater than a bloodhound’s. They have a keen ability to detect pet food, garbage, barbecue grills and bird feeders—and once they locate a food source, they remember where it is.
Bears are normally wary of people, but if a bear finds food without getting frightened away, he may come back for more. Each time this happens, he can become less fearful—and this habituation can lead to problems. Conflicts can heighten during hyperphagia, a feeding frenzy in late summer and fall in which bears bulk up for hibernation, gaining 3-4 pounds and consuming 20,000 calories a day.
Bears who lose their fear of people are called “nuisance bears.” These are most often subadult males—young bears who have just dispersed from their mothers and are still learning how to obtain food—and mothers with young cubs. In many states, nuisance bears are killed or trapped and moved far away in hopes that they won’t come back. But most of the time this outcome wouldn’t have been necessary if people hadn’t made food so easy to find in the yard or trash dumpster.

How to prevent conflicts with bears
To avoid habituating the bears in your area, follow these steps.
Make trash cans inaccessible. Bring them inside at night or buy a bear-resistant trash can or an enclosure for the container.
Enclose your compost pile. Open compost piles, especially those that include kitchen scraps, are an irresistible treat in bear country. Burying compost won’t work because bears will easily find and dig it up.
Recycle wisely. If you store recyclables outside, use enclosed bins. (Persistent bears will break into even ruggedly built bins.)
Keep your barbecue grill clean and as free of drippings as possible. Move the grill away from your house when you aren’t using it, and clean it regularly with ammonia or bleach.
Rethink your bird feeders. In the summer, birds can make do with naturally available foods. If you do set up feeders, install them away from your house.

If there becomes an issue with bear, please remember to dial 911 for immediate assistance.

Thank you Robert Medacco for sharing this information
Government Center :

NATURAL RESOURCES

Due to COVID-19 there will not be an in person hunter safety class this year as of today, the only way to take the course is online MDNR is working on protocols to guide instructors to eventually be able to host in person classes https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/

LRBOI Brownfields Program public record is now available online.

Online at: lrboi-nsn.gov
Or visit the Natural Resources Department
Located at 310 9th St., Manistee, MI 49660

For more information please contact
Breanna Knudsen, Brownfield Specialist at 231.398.2182 or breannaknudsen@lrboi-nsn.gov

GOVERNMENT CENTER MAIN LINE

Due to the recent closure and staff reduction of the Government Center, the main line has changed to an auto attendant to direct your phone calls. Information to help navigate the new options are listed below:

If you know your party’s extension, press 1
Extensions are also the last 4 digits of any staff member’s full phone number. Public Affairs 231.398.6841 (ext. # 6841)

To dial by last name, press 2

For Health Services, Clinic and Pharmacy, press 3
For all clinic, pharmacy, Purchased and Referred Care, and Extended Health Assistance Program Services.

For the most recent Per Cap information, press 4
Pre recorded message regarding recent Per Cap information.

For Enrollment, press 5
Tribe Membership, Bereavement, Per Cap, Tribal IDs, Address/Name Changes, and Direct Deposit Services.

For Family Services and the Next Generation Learning Center, press 6

For Housing, press 7
Aki Maadiwizin and Elder Housing, Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance, and Housing Maintenance Requests.

For the Food Distribution Program, press 8
Commodity Food Services, Applications, and Delivery Services.

For Natural Resources, press 9

For Education, press *
Higher Education Scholarship, College Book Stipends, MI Indian Tuition Waiver, Vocational Education Assistance, Tutoring Assistance and LRBOI Student Services.

To Leave a voice message, press 0
If you are unable to find the needed option please leave a voicemail and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Health Service Center
As of June 1, 2020 The Little River Health Service Center in Manistee, Michigan implemented a reduced schedule/hours. Please be aware of the new times particular on Fridays. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unusual time. Thank you and remember we are always here spiritually regardless. Be well and stay healthy.

Clinic: Pharmacy
Monday: 8:00A - 5:00P Monday: 8:00A - 5:00P
Tuesday: 8:00A - 5:00P Tuesday: 8:00A - 5:00P
Wednesday: 8:00A - 5:00P Wednesday: 8:00A - 5:00P
Thursday: 8:00A - 5:00P Thursday: 8:00A - 5:00P
Friday: CLOSED Friday: 8:00A - 12:00P
(Muskegon Deliveries: Friday AM)

Purchased and Referred Care and Extended Health Assistance Program

Clinic Phone Numbers
Clinic Main: 231.398.8299 888.382.8299
Clinic Office: 231.398.6601
Pharmacy: 231.398.6853

Gaming Commission
Full Time Surveillance Operator
Health Services
Full Time Staff Physician

Career Opportunities with Tribal Government and Little River Casino Resort

1.888.568.2244 or 231.723.4530
www.lrcr.com/plan-your-journey/careers

888.723.8288 or 231.398.6859
lrboi-nsn.gov/resources/employment-opportunities/jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov
Citizen Advisory Board
We are once again seeking members for our Citizen Advisory Board. We have had a couple members move on, so we have some seats to fill. Please see qualifications below:

Each Citizen Advisory Board member must meet the following qualifications:

- At least twenty-five (25) years old
- Possess an Associate Degree, high school diploma or GED
- Five (5) years of significant business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the last ten (10) years
- Submit to a background investigation yielding no results showing convictions involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement or moral turpitude

If interested in applying, please send a letter of interest and a resume to crystalnewman@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Little River Government Contracting
Little River Government Contracting has continued to research and bid on contracts. We were awarded our first big contract, so amazing things are coming!

Little River Health Technologies
InTerra: InTerra has a patent pending for our Hi-Tech Hemp Nano-gel, as well as pending trademarks for both InTerra and APS. Sales increased since our last publication and continue to rise. With an adjustment to our marketing plan, we are confident that our sales will continue to increase the more time goes on.

Help support and grow InTerra’s outreach by subscribing to our social media accounts.

Like and Follow us:
Instagram @interranutraceuticals
Facebook @interranutra
Twitter @interranutra1
Amazon Interra Nutraceuticals

Little River Real Estate Management
All of our rental units are currently leased. We have five units under land contract with Tribal Members.

Little River Development
Sales continued at Odeno Homes in Fruitport during the shutdown. We even made our first sale to a Tribal Citizen!
Manistee, MI – Little River Casino Resort is excited to announce the debut of sports betting at the River Rock Sportsbook & Grill. Little River Casino Resort partnered with Rush Street Interactive (RSI), who are one of the leading sportsbook and online gaming suppliers and operators in the U.S. The partnership between RSI and Little River provides RSI with access to the online market in Michigan, with plans to launch a co-branded online sports betting and online casino statewide as soon as Michigan regulations allow. Michigan residents can sign-up now to be notified immediately when online wagering begins by visiting https://mi.betrivers.com/.

ABOUT RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE Founded in 2012, Chicago-based Rush Street Interactive (RSI) launched its first betting site, PlaySugarHouse.com, in New Jersey in September 2016. The company subsequently made history by becoming the first operator in the United States to offer a fully integrated online sportsbook and casino. In addition, RSI was the first company to launch legal online sportsbooks in Pennsylvania (PlaySugarHouse.com) as well as Colorado and Indiana (BetRivers.com) along with being the first to open a legal sportsbook in the state of New York (@ Rivers Casino in Schenectady) and, most recently, in Illinois (@ Rivers Casino in Des Plaines). RSI also operates in-casino sportsbooks at Rivers Casinos in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and at the historic French Lick Resort in Indiana. BetRivers.com is also the exclusive official sportsbook partner for the Philadelphia Flyers and Wells Fargo Center. RSI was the first US-based gaming operator to launch a legal and regulated online sportsbook in Latin America (Rushbet.co in Colombia). Rush Street Interactive is also the developer and operator of a leading social gaming platform currently deployed at the group’s affiliated land-based casinos and selected third party partners. Rush Street Interactive was named “Mobile Operator of the Year” in North America at the EGR North America Awards 2019 and “American Operator of the Year” & “Casino Operator of the Year” at the American Gambling Awards in 2019. For more information, visit rushstreetinteractive.com.

ABOUT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians opened Little River Casino in 1999 as a stand alone casino until the completion of their resort in 2001. When Little River Casino opened they had 600 slot machines and one dining option. Today, Little River Casino Resort features 292 luxurious hotel rooms, a 95 space RV park, two indoor pools, one outdoor pool, an indoor winter garden, a courtyard with three fire pits, a gift shop boutique, a spa & salon, three restaurants, three bars, a 1,600 seat event center, 4 conference rooms, an off-site gas station/c-store, an off-site golf course, roughly 1,350 slot machines, 26 table games featuring various card games, craps and interactive stadium roulette. Little River Casino Resort is conveniently located at the corner of M-22 and US-31 in Manistee, MI.
Notice to all Tribal Citizens from the LRBOI Tax Office:

Attention - Motor Fuel and/or Cigarette/Tobacco Product Purchases
Only Tribal members are entitled to purchase and use tax-exempt motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco products under the terms of the State/Tribe Tax Agreement. The exemption does not extend to friends or family members that are not Tribal members. Tax-exempt purchases are for the Tribal member’s personal use only. Tribal members are also not allowed to purchase tax-exempt motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco products on behalf of another eligible Tribal member. For example, you cannot make a tax-exempt purchase for your Tribal member parent, sibling, cousin, other relative, or friend because they are sick at home, working late, or unable to get to the Trading Post to make their own purchase. Tribal members are not allowed to purchase tax-exempt motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco products for other Tribal members who have already reached their monthly quota. The tax-exempt purchases must be for the Tribal member purchasing it at the time of sale.

Tribal IDs
All Tribal members purchasing tax-exempt motor fuel and/or cigarettes/tobacco products must show their Tribal ID to the cashier on duty for verification and complete the appropriate purchase log at the counter. The cashiers are required to verify the name, Tribal ID number, and picture on your Tribal ID card. The cashier cannot apply the tax exemption to your purchase if you do not have your ID card present at the time of purchase. Refusal to provide your Tribal ID card and/or complete the appropriate motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco product log(s) will result in denial of your tax exemption.

Monthly Quotas
The monthly tax-exempt cigarette quota per eligible member remains at 30 packs per month. The monthly tax-exempt motor fuel quota per eligible member remains at 175 gallons per month, which is a combination of gasoline and diesel; they do not have separate quota limits.

Penalties, Fines & Suspension
Tribal members that purchase motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco products for someone else and/or exceed their monthly purchase limit will receive a tax assessment and/or fines, as applicable and may result in suspension of your tax-exempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel and Tobacco Regulations. Tribal members are responsible for tracking and staying within their monthly quota limits.

License Plates & Registration
All Tribal members are required to be registered for the tax-exempt Motor Fuel program. The Tax Department can mail, email, or fax the Motor Fuel Registration form to you. The form can also be found on the Tax Department page on the website. Please note that you do not need a username/password to access the form or information. The Little River Trading Post also has the Motor Fuel Registration form available; just ask the cashier for a copy. The form can be turned in to the Trading Post or mailed, emailed, or faxed to the Tax Department. Every time you get a new license plate and/or vehicle, your information must be updated with the Tax Office.
**Tax-Exempt Purchase Payment**

Please inform the cashier that you are a Little River Band member before you pay for your motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco product purchase(s). The cashier will ask you for your Tribal ID and to complete the appropriate “Log of tax-exempt sales”. You must enter the date, your Tribal ID number, signature, and license plate number or tobacco brand depending on your purchase. So that your purchase does not get logged incorrectly, please write clearly so that it can be read for data entry. If you are unsure of your Tribal ID number, please double check the number on your ID card.

Payment for tax-exempt motor fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station after fuel has been pumped. If payment is made at the pump or pre-paid, the tax exemption cannot be applied. If you are unsure of your license plate number, the cashier will allow you to take the clipboard to your vehicle to write it down. The motor fuel tax exemption will not be given for two separate vehicles at one purchase unless the second vehicle is being towed or is on a trailer pulled by the vehicle the Tribal member is using. If you purchase diesel fuel, please let the cashier know because it has a different tax exemption rate than unleaded fuel.

**Please Note**

The Tribe’s Motor Fuel and Tobacco Regulations, including the Tax Agreement, Tax Ordinance, and other governing documents are available for review on the Tribe’s website under the Tax Department tab. It is encouraged that every member read these and follow the law. The Trading Post staff have been instructed to assist in the enforcement of the Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel and Cigarette/Tobacco Product program rules. This includes, but is not limited to disallowing the tax exemption on motor fuel purchased for a vehicle that the Tribal member is not using at the point of sale or has been switched out with another vehicle within minutes of a previous fuel purchase, disallowing tax exemption on cigarette/tobacco products that are clearly not for the member purchasing, and for any other potential violation of each program’s rules. The tax-exemption motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco product program may be suspended by the Tribe at any time. The Tribe may also bar individual Tribal members from the motor fuel and/or cigarette/tobacco product tax exemption programs if operational rules and procedures are not followed.

Lastly, do not be rude or disrespectful to the Trading Post staff if they tell you your purchase does not qualify for the tax exemption due to a potential violation or an issue with your Tribal ID. They are only following their employee handbook and tribal tax laws in an effort to avoid disciplinary action and/or a penalty for selling purchases tax-exempt when they should not. The staff work hard to service our Tribal members and the general public, especially during these trying times that require extra precautions and cleaning. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Tribe’s Tax Agreement, Tax Ordinance, Motor Fuel Regulations, Tobacco Regulations, or procedures, please contact the Tax Office at the following:

**Valerie Chandler, Tax Officer**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660

P: 231.398.6874 | Fax: 231.331.1230

Email: valeriechandler@lrboi-nsn.gov | Web: www.lrboi-nsn.gov/membership-services/tax-office/
Ogema Larry Romanelli’s Spring Membership Meeting Update & Response

I want to start by apologizing for the technical difficulties during the meeting. There were several reports that the viewers were unable to hear. For example, Natural Resource Director, Frank Beaver’s report was very clear to those of us in the Lodge Room, but apparently not to viewers. I’ve asked for those reports to be written and posted on the LRBOI website.

Please keep in mind some information may be out of date and are for informational purposes; please contact the departments for additional or updated information.

LRBOI Food Distribution Department
Update information provided at Spring Membership Meeting April 25, 2020

During the last few weeks things have changed in how the Food Distribution Program conducts business. The Food Distribution Program office is closed to the public until further notice but we are still taking orders and signing up new participants. Many of the interviews and applications are being done over the phone and email. Pickups are still being done at the department by appointment only to promote social distancing. Deliveries are front porch deliveries to limit social contact. There is an issue with some young people at the some of the delivery stops wanting to come out and help. While this was allowed in the past, we need to keep the social distancing in mind.

If there are members outside of our service area and are needing some help, they can contact the Tribe in their area that has a Food Distribution Program and receive the same benefits that we offer. If you need help with contacting a Food Distribution Program in your area, you can call the office and we will be able to get you in contact with the correct people.

** Update
The Food Distribution Program is operating at normal hours.
7:30A – 4:00P Monday - Friday

Ken LaHaye 231.398.6715  |  Melanie Ceplina 231.398.6716
LRBOI Natural Resources Department

Update information provided at Spring Membership Meeting April 25, 2020

LRBOI NRD remains committed to protecting the Tribe’s right to hunt, fish, and gather, even during these uncertain times. To that end, the Department has made the following adjustments to our permitting procedures. These adjustments will allow us to continue our harvesting activities during the current office closure.

TURKEY TAGS:
Many of our members have already received their turkey tags for the Spring hunting season. However, if you still need to get your tags, please email Bob Sanders, Wildlife Division Manager, at robertsanders@lrboi-nsn.gov. He can arrange a time by appointment to issue you your turkey tags.

DEER TAGS:
Deer season is currently closed. However, in emergency situations, Special Use tags can be issued. If you feel you or your family may be facing an emergency, please contact Frank Beaver, NRD Director, at williambeaver@lrboi-nsn.gov and we can discuss your situation at that time.

SPEARING PERMITS:
Most fish spearing does not require a permit. Other than a couple of notable exceptions below, all that is required is a valid Tribal ID. All spearing does however require harvest reporting. Since NRD can’t issue reporting forms right now, please contact Frank Beaver, NRD Director, at williambeaver@lrboi-nsn.gov before starting your spearing harvest. This will help us keep our spearing activities safe and legal. All references to Fishing Regulations can be found at https://lrboi-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Chapter-1-Inland-Fishing-Regulations.pdf.

WALLEYE SPEARING:
Certain lake systems require spearing permits. These are designated in the Fishing Regulations as Walleye Lake Systems and are summarized in Table 7 of the Regulations. Since NRD can’t be in the office right now, we are unable to issue spearing permits for any of these systems. Walleye spearing is still open for all other water systems, as listed above.

STEELHEAD SPEARING:
Certain river systems require spearing permits. These are designated in the Fishing Regulations as Protected Steelhead Streams and are described in Table 4 of the Regulations. Since NRD can’t be in the office right now, we are unable to issue spearing permits for any of these streams. Steelhead spearing is still open for all other water streams, as listed above.

Also, during the NRD presentation, I referenced the adjustments that we will have to make to our field work this season. We won’t be able to hire seasonal employees to help with our field work. If this changes and we CAN hire, I will work with HR to try to make that happen. All of our field work projects will either have to be scaled back greatly or cancelled altogether. This adjustment will affect all three of the NRD divisions of Environmental, Fisheries, and Wildlife. Of particular note, NRD may not be able to conduct the sturgeon rehabilitation activities this year. Of course this is a rapidly evolving situation. As we get more information I will be sure to get the information out to Membership.

Frank Beaver | NRD Director
williambeaver@lrboi-nsn.gov

Bob Sanders | Wildlife Division Manager
robertsanders@lrboi-nsn.gov

Natural Resources Office: 231.723.1594
310 9th Street, Manistee, MI 49660
LRBOI Education Department

Update information provided at Spring Membership Meeting April 25, 2020

Some of us who reported updates for our departments at last weekend’s membership meeting were difficult to hear because of the technical challenges of sort of a virtual meeting. I will provide the information I provided at the membership meeting, but also some slight changes that are necessary because of the limited staffing and hours that come with the Covid-19 office closures, and also some updates from the State of Michigan that will be of interest to some. One of the biggest difficulties that happened because of the hardware failure recently experienced by the Tribe, and the Covid-19 closure, is confusion about changes to the Student Services School Clothing and activities funds.

As the 2020 information was going out to parents and students, Santana was updating our webpage with new applications and instructions. During the computer issue, the website went down, and when it was opened again, it was with information that was on the website prior to the new information. The new information was lost, and we were just in the process of redoing it when the offices were closed. The result has been of much confusion as parents are searching for an application that is not there. To rectify this problem, and to perhaps make the changes to the program easier for 2021, I received authorization from the Ogema to change the process of the program for 2020. All students who have not previously received the funds for 2020, will receive a check for $500. This must be used for school clothing and/or activities (sports, band, dance, camps, etc.)

We will be starting with a clean slate, so that everyone receives the funds in 2020. Starting January 2021, you will need to go online to the website to print the new application. If you don’t have access to a printer, you will be able to contact Yvonne Parsons or Debra Davis and we will mail one to you. When you submit your application for 2021, you must include the receipts for the $500 you received in 2020. Remember that this program does not follow the academic year, but is for the calendar year, so you have from January 1st to December 1st to make the request, and the prior year’s receipts must be attached. Because of the limited capacity right now, checks will not be going out at the same time. They will be processed over several weeks, with checks generated alphabetically. Where possible, households with multiple children will receive checks in the parent’s name, in a single check including the amounts for all the children. In the coming week, I will be mailing information to each parent/student regarding the changes for those who do not see this update.

With the social distancing requirements of this coronavirus pandemic, it is unlikely that we will be holding the events that we had planned for summer, such as Indian Village Camp. Please keep an eye on the Currents for any changes, but as of this time, such activities are on hold. At this time we are still processing scholarships and book stipends, as well as student services such as driver’s training, class rings, and computers. It is best if you mail the applications, rather than emailing them. Mail is checked weekly and check requests are submitted weekly as well, but only on one day, so we must ask for your patience. Students who are planning to attend college during the summer may still apply for the summer book stipend. Students who are planning on beginning their college courses in the fall should still plan to go ahead with those plans, as colleges are making efforts to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Thanks in advance for your patience. Please accept my apology for the confusion that has ensued regarding the student services programs. I hope that you and all your loved ones are keeping healthy.

Yvonne Parsons | Education Programs Coordinator
231.398.6735 | yparsons@lrboi-nsn.gov

Deb Davis | Education Office Assistant
231.398.6724 | davis@lrboi-nsn.gov
The Michigan Department of Treasury today announced Michiganders who have student loans guaranteed by the state will be provided assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Collection activities on delinquent Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) student loans, made by a financial institution and serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency, will be halted until Sept. 30, 2020. “College students should not have to worry about defaulting on their monthly loan payments during the continuing, unprecedented public health crisis,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said. “This program will help alleviate a tremendous amount of stress from students with financial hardships as they determine the next steps in completing their education and competing for jobs in the 21st century workforce.” The state Treasury Department has stopped all wage garnishments and offsets to pay outstanding FFELP student loans serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency.

Borrowers who are currently in repayment agreements will not be penalized if a payment is missed through Sept. 30, 2020. “The COVID-19 pandemic is both a public health emergency and an economic emergency,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “If you are encountering financial hardship and cannot pay your state-backed student loans, please contact us so we can walk through your options for assistance.” Individuals who have FFELP loans serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency and are encountering repayment issues are encouraged to call 800.642.5626. Service representatives can discuss payment options with borrowers.

Some FFELP loans were made by private lenders, and guaranty agencies insured these funds. Since 2010, no new FFELP loans have been issued by the federal government. To learn more about state student finance programs, go to www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

More information about the Michigan Guaranty Agency is available at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

to Launch New College Advising Hotline Effective May 4, Michigan high schoolers who need assistance navigating their paths to college can call a free hotline and seek advice from near-peer college advisers! The phone number will be announced on the launch date in a special MCAN email. In response to challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, college advisers will provide students with guidance on their postsecondary plans. Students will be able to ask questions and connect with the resources they need to succeed. The Education Department will provide the contact information as soon as it is available

*update:

Students across the state of Michigan looking for assistance in navigating their college plans can now call a free hotline for access to near-peer college advisers! In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCAN and partner college advisers will provide students guidance around their post secondary transitions during this challenging time. Students will receive answers to their questions along with resources, and be connected with who or what they need to succeed.

This is for Michigan students in grades 9-12, free of charge.

Hotline: 810.373.5385 (call or text)

Availability: Monday through Friday: 9A to 5P
After business hours, students can text or leave a voicemail and messages will be responded to the next business day. The hours of the hotline will be adjusted as necessary to best serve students and their needs.
From the field – Brook Trout captured in the Upper Manistee watershed from an electrofishing survey conducted in July. We are continuing to evaluate streams in the Upper Manistee (above Hodenpyl) this year to determine where Arctic Grayling will be reintroduced.

Fishing tip of the month - Chinook Salmon (AKA King Salmon) will be nearshore and in the rivers by September. These fish can be caught many ways throughout the season. In the rivers, try casting thundersticks or spinners. You can also float skein (eggs of salmon that are still attached to the ovary). Tribal citizens can spear or use a bow to harvest these fish as well in some waterbodies.

Inland biologist, Dana Castle, poses with a Chinook Salmon she caught on a spoon.

Please check your tribal regulations before heading out and make sure your technique is allowed for your specific species and stretch of water. Please call NRD to make an appointment to pick up your 2020 Chinook Salmon Permits. The NRD is only open to appointments at this time.

Archie Martell, Fisheries Manager 231.398.2193 | Dana Castle, Inland Fish Biologist 231.398.2198

Match the word from Anishinaabemdaa videos w/Kenny Pheasant.

www.anishinaabemdaa.com | www.Aanii.org | Anishinaabemdaa

PUPPY     GAAZHAAG
PIG       YAABE BIZMIKE
KITTEN    ANIMOSH
BULL      GOKOSH
DOMESTIC ANIMAL  ANIMOONHS
CAT       OKAAAN
DOG       GAAZHAAGENHS

Online Readers please note an addition has been made to the match the Anishinaabe words provided by Kenny Pheasant. You can now click the words in blue and hear Kenny say them.

If you would like to submit a special announcement, story, traditional family recipes, birth, or obituary announcement please submit it to:

LRBOI Attn: Public Affairs 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Currentscomments@lrboi-nsn.gov or call 231.398.6841
Trever Wahr has been riding since the age of 7 years. A few years ago, some good friends convinced him to give ice riding a shot. Long story short, he loved it! In February of 2018, he went to Nationals in Cadillac, Michigan and took home a plaque for National number 1 in the 85cc class. This year, the Nationals were held in Wisconsin. Trever came home with 3 National number 1 titles (250cc, 450cc and the 451 open classes) along with winning the Kold Kutter Shootout and was named the Ice Rider of the Year!

In October 2020, Trever will be recognized at the AMA National Banquet for his 3 titles and Ice Rider of the Year. All the riders from around the United States are celebrated for their skills in their particular racing fields, such as flat track, ice, and motocross.
Respect for Parents Day
National Sisters Day
National Watermelon Day
National Coast Guard Day
National Underwear Day
National Root Beer Float Day
National Lighthouse Day
National Garage Sale Day
National Book Lovers Day
National S'mores Day
National Son's and Daughter's Day
National Middle Child Day
International Left Handers Day
National Creamsicle Day
National Honey Bee Day
National Tell a Joke Day

They tend to be confident, strong and organized
There’s a lot to like about people born in August; they are confident and very strong people, physically, mentally and very strong-willed. They’re also very proud and very charismatic, but theirs is a quiet charisma. August born tend to be very organized, very precise, and detail-oriented. They’re reliable and they’re also intelligent, practical people, but theirs is a quiet charisma.

They’ll probably end up in leadership positions
Don’t be surprised if your boss was born in August; they make naturally strong leaders because of their charisma and confidence.

They’ll be smart (but difficult) children
The big personalities that August born children possess are apparent very early. Even as babies, they tend to be developmentally ahead. Combine that intelligence with their headstrong approach to life and they’re unstoppable. Parents of August born children should be ready to not just teach their children, but be taught by their children.

They love the spotlight
Check to see if your favorite actor or singer is an August-born baby, because in particular they thrive in creative spaces where they aren’t constrained by rules.

They’re generally good teachers
August born people make great teachers, both in and out of the classroom. August-born babies should try to use this to their advantage, whatever career path they choose, they can thrive as teachers because they have a natural authority.
Information for Community Supports

Community Connections is a FREE program offering connections to community resources for adults, children and families. Community Health Workers in your local health department will help you access community resources. Please call:

1-888-217-3904 (option #3)
District Health Department #10 HUB serving Crawford, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana

1-800-432-4121
Northwest Michigan HUB serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego

1-800-221-0294
Northeast Michigan HUB serving Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Alpena

If you need assistance finding food, paying housing bills, or other essential services, go to 211.org or dial 211 to speak with a community resource specialist in your area who will help with:

- food and nutrition programs
- shelter, housing and utilities assistance
- employment and education
- health care, vaccination and health epidemic information
- support groups for individuals with mental illnesses or special needs
- a safe, confidential path out of physical and/or emotional domestic abuse
- emergency information/disaster relief
- services for veterans
- addiction prevention and rehabilitation programs

COVID-19
Protect yourself and others

Local Hotline Numbers:

231-935-0951 Munson TC
231-547-8858 Munson Charlevoix
231-487-5550 McLaren N. MI
800-445-7356 Mid-Michigan
888-700-9011 Mercy Health
833-559-0659 Spectrum Health

- Wash your hands, often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.
- Replace handshakes with a friendly wave from 6 feet away.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has launched several statewide platforms to answer questions about Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and to keep residents up to date as information continues to change rapidly during this pandemic. For the latest news and information, or to subscribe to the statewide e-newsletter go to Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

888-535-6136 COVID-19 hotline 8:00am to 5:00pm every day
COVID-19@michigan.gov Email 8:00am to 5:00pm every day

We need your help! You may have received a mailing to complete the census for your family. Even if you haven't received it, please go to: 2020census.gov and submit your family information for the census. When everyone is counted, our communities get the funding they need for things like health care, education, emergency services and more!

**Please note that the deadline for completing Census information is September 30, 2020. After that date, you will not be able to submit information.**
LOCAL NATIVE TALENT NEEDED

The Language & Culture Department will be working with the Grand Rapids Public Museum as they restructure their Anishnaabek: The People of this Place exhibit.

The Language & Culture Department is looking for local Potawatomi, Odawa and Ojibwe Citizens interested in recording narration for the new exhibits. Recording sessions will be done at the GLT Administration Building.

This is a volunteer opportunity to represent your Nation and culture, (the Department will provide lunch and cover the cost of mileage) and the museum will credit you as a contributor.

Interested people may contact Frank Barker, Language Coordinator, at franklin.barker@glt-nsn.gov and 269.397.1780 extension 1603.

August
Elders Picnic - Canceled

September
7 | Labor Day  (Offices Closed)
21 | Federal Reaffirmation Day  (Offices Closed)

October
10 | Fall Membership Meeting  (online live stream)

November
Elders Conference - Canceled

December
Elders Christmas Party - Canceled
Kids Christmas Party - Canceled